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Bill Ruehman The Rockland Corporation 400 So. 100 E. Emery, UT 84522

RE: ML 42844-Clay and ML 42844A-Clay, Mine Access Road

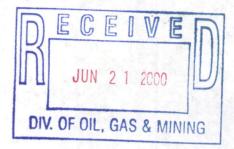
Dear Mr. Taylor,

A question has been raised by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining concerning use and responsibility for reclamation of the access road leading to the Miracle Rock Mine (ML 42844-Clay) and the Rockland Mine (ML 42844A-Clay). Both mines have been using the same access road through Lots 2 & 3, Section 2, T23S, R6E, Emery County.

The above described lands containing the access road to the two mines was designated a Multiple Mineral Development Area (MMDA) by the Board of Trustees on April 17, 1998, pursuant to R850-20-2500, Utah Administrative Code. The MMDA designation authorizes the Trust Lands Administration to impose any reasonable requirements upon the mineral lessees within the MMDA to preserve the values of the mineral resources and to insure maximum development of all resources located within the MMDA.

It is in the interest of the trust for both the Miracle Rock Mine and the Rockland Mine to continue using the existing mine access road through Lots 2 & 3, Section 2, T23S, R6E, Emery County. Miracle Rock Mining & Research and the Rockland Corporation shall hereafter equally share responsibility for maintenance of said access road so long as both mines are in operation. If one of the two mines goes out of operation before the other, and makes application with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining to retire its DOGM permit to mine, then the surviving mine, whether the Miracle Rock Mine or the Rockland Mine, shall assume full responsibility for the maintenance and reclamation of said access road from the end of the Emery County Road in said Lot 3, Section 2, to the Northern boundary of the SW4NE4 of said Section 2. The Rockland Corporation shall at all times be solely responsible for maintenance and reclamation of that portion of the mine access road lying within the SW4NE4 of said Section 2.

Miracle Rock Mining and Research and/or the Rockland Corporation may request Emery County to maintain the access roads to the two mines, as an operator upon the leaseholds. Such designation of Emery County as an operator, however, shall not in any way be construed as a conveyance of lands or of a right-of-way to Emery County by the Trust Lands Administration or



the State of Utah. Emery County shall assume no responsibility for reclamation of said access road. Reclamation responsibility shall remain with the Lessees under ML 42844 and ML 42844A as described above.

Please contact me if you have any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

John T. Blake

Mineral Resources Specialist

cc: Tony Gallegos

The Rockland Corporation

Emery County

